



# MOTHER GOOSE & MORE

## RHYMES FOR BOUNCING & GIGGLING WITH YOUR BABY

### ACKA BACKA SODA CRACKER (tune: "Shortnin' Bread")

Acka backa soda cracker  
Acka backa boo  
Acka backa soda cracker, up goes you!  
Acka backa soda cracker  
Acka backa boo  
Acka backa soda cracker, I love you!

*bounce baby on your lap*  
  
*lift baby up*  
*bounce two times on each side*  
  
*give a kiss or hug*

### CRISS CROSS APPLESAUCE

Criss cross  
Applesauce  
Caterpillar up your back  
Cool breeze  
Tight squeeze  
Now you've got the shivers!

*make an "X" on baby's back*  
*clap baby's hands*  
*crawl your fingers up baby's back*  
*blow on baby's cheek or neck*  
*hug baby*  
*tickle baby*

## ELEVATOR SONG (Tune: "Turkey in the Straw")

Oh, the city is great and the city is grand  
There are lots of tall buildings  
On a little piece of land  
We live way up on the fifty-seventh floor  
And this is what we do  
When we go out the door:  
Take the elevator up, take the elevator down (3 x)  
Then we spin around

*bounce baby on your lap*

*lift baby up, lower baby down  
sway baby in a circle on your lap*

## HELLO EVERYBODY

Well, hello everybody and how are you?  
How are you, how are you?  
Well, hello everybody and how are you?  
How are you today?

*Clap hands in rhythm*

## HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Hickory dickory dock  
The mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck one  
The mouse ran down  
Hickory dickory dock

*sway baby from side to side  
tickle your fingers up baby's back  
clap hands once  
tickle your fingers down baby's back  
sway baby from side to side*

*Repeat "the clock struck two, three" etc.*

## HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall  
Humpty Dumpty  
Had a great fall  
All the King's horses  
And all the King's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again

*bounce baby on your lap*

*lean baby to side  
continue bouncing*

*end with a hug*

## ITTY BITTY BUG (by Mary Lee Sunseri)

An itty bitty bug  
Too small to hug  
Sittin' on a rug, just sittin' on a rug  
And then to show his might  
He took a daring flight  
He landed on my nose  
Then, what do you suppose?  
He flew down to my toes!

*bounce baby on your lap  
hug baby*

*make fingers fly like a bug  
tickle baby's nose*

*tickle baby's toes*

## JACK BE NIMBLE

Jack be nimble  
Jack be quick  
Jack jump over  
The candlestick!

*bounce baby on your lap*

*lift baby way up*

## JARVIS TO PORT DOVER

While riding down a bumpy road  
From Jarvis to Port Dover  
My wheels got stuck inside a rut  
And I went tumbling over—whoops!  
Over—whoops!  
I went tumbling over—whoops!

*bounce baby on your lap*

*lean baby to the right*

*lean baby to the left*

*lean baby to the right*

## JELLY ON A PLATE

Jelly on a plate, jelly on a plate  
Wobble wobble, wobble wobble  
Jelly on a plate  
Sausage in a pan, sausage in a pan  
Frizzle frazzle, frizzle frazzle  
Sausage in a pan  
Baby on the floor! Baby on the floor!  
Pick her up! Pick her up! Baby on the floor!

*bounce baby on your lap*

*jostle baby*

*bounce baby*

*jostle baby*

*bounce baby*

*raise baby in the air*

## LITTLE RED WAGON

Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon  
Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon  
Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon  
Won't you be my darlin'?

*bounce baby on your lap*

Up and down the hill  
and around the corner  
Up and down the hill and around the corner  
Up and down the hill and around the corner  
Won't you be my darlin'?

*bring knees up and down*

*lean baby to the side*

*repeat above*

*repeat above*

Wheel fell off and the wagon tipped backwards  
Wheel fell off and the wagon tipped backwards  
Wheel fell off and the wagon tipped backwards  
Won't you be my darlin'?

*lean back*

*lean back*

*lean back*

## MERRY GO ROUND

Merry go round, merry go round  
We go riding all around  
First we're UP  
Then we're DOWN  
We go riding all around

Off to town, off to town  
We go riding off to town  
First we're UP  
Then we're DOWN  
We go riding off to town!

*bounce baby in a circle on your lap*

*lift baby up in the air or on your legs*  
*lower baby*  
*bounce baby*

*bounce baby*

*lift baby up in the air or on your legs*  
*lower baby*  
*bounce baby*

## MOTHER AND FATHER AND UNCLE JOHN

Mother and father and  
Uncle John  
Went to town one by one  
Mother fell off  
Father fell off  
But Uncle John went on  
and on and on and ON!

*bounce baby on your lap*

*lean to one side*  
*lean to other side*  
*bounce baby*  
*lift baby up in the air or on your legs*

## OH MR. SUN

Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun  
Please shine down on me  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun  
Hiding behind a tree  
These little children are asking you  
To please come out so they can play with you  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun  
Please shine down on me

*Put arms in circle around head*

*Make branches with arms up high*  
*Make imploring motion with hands clasped*

*Put arms in circle around head*

Oh Mrs. Moon, Moon, bright and silvery Moon  
Please shine down on me  
Oh Mrs. Moon, Moon, bright and silvery Moon  
Hiding behind a tree  
These little children are asking you  
To please come out so they can play with you  
Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. golden Sun  
Please shine down on me

*Make crescent moon shape with hand*

*Make branches with arms up high*  
*Make imploring motion with hands clasped*

*Put arms in circle around head*

Oh baby stars, stars, little baby stars  
Please shine down on me  
Oh baby stars, stars, little baby stars  
Hiding behind a tree  
These little children are asking you  
To please come out so they can play with you  
Oh baby stars, stars, little baby stars  
Please shine down on me

*Open and close fingers to make star bursts*

*Make branches with arms up high  
Make imploring motion with hands clasped*

*Open and close fingers to make star bursts*

## OLD MOTHER GOOSE

Old Mother Goose when she wanted to wander  
Would fly through the air on her very fine gander

*bounce baby on your lap  
lift baby high or “fly” like an bird*

## PAT A CAKE

Pat a cake, pat a cake  
Baker’s man  
Bake me a cake  
As fast as you can  
Roll it, and pat it  
And mark it with a “B”  
And put it in the oven  
for Baby and me

*clap baby’s hands in rhythm*

*Roll and clap baby’s hands  
Trace “B” on baby’s palm or tummy*

*Point to baby and yourself*

## PUSSYCAT PUSSYCAT

Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been?  
I’ve been to London to visit the Queen  
Pussycat, pussycat, what did you there?  
I frightened a little mouse under her chair!

*Bounce baby on your lap*

*Tickle baby*

## ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN

Round and round the garden  
Goes the teddy bear  
One step  
Two step  
Tickley under there!

*make a circle on baby’s palm or tummy*

*“walk” on baby’s wrist  
“walk” up to the crook of baby’s elbow  
tickle under baby’s arm or neck*

## SHORTNIN' BREAD

Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin'  
Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread (2x)  
Lean to the left  
Lean to the right  
Hug that baby nice and tight (2X)  
Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin'  
Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread (2x)

Put on the skillet, put on the lid  
Mama's gonna make a little shortnin' bread  
That's not all she's gonna do  
Mama's gonna tickle that baby, too!  
Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin'  
Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread (2x)

*Bounce baby on your lap*

*Lean left  
Lean right*

*Bounce baby*

*Bounce baby*

*Tickle!*

*Bounce baby*

## SMOOTH ROAD TO LONDON TOWN

A smooth road to London town  
A smooth road to London town  
The road goes up and the road goes down  
A smooth road to London town  
But...by and by we come to a dell  
And there the roads are not so swell  
A bumpy road, a bumpy road, a bumpy road  
To London town

A smooth road to London town  
A smooth road to London town  
The road goes up and the road goes down  
A smooth road to London town  
But...by and by we come to a wood  
And there the roads are not so good  
A rough road, a rough road, a rough road  
To London town

*bounce baby gently on your lap*

*raise and lower knees*

*bounce baby more vigorously*

*bounce baby gently on your lap*

*raise and lower knees*

*bounce baby more vigorously still*

## THESE ARE BABY'S FINGERS

These are baby's fingers  
These are baby's toes  
This is baby's belly button  
Round and round it goes

These are baby's eyes  
And this is baby's nose  
And this is baby's belly button  
Right where Mommy (or Daddy) blows!

*kiss or touch baby's fingers  
kiss or touch baby's toes  
touch baby's belly button  
circle belly button with your finger*

*touch or point to baby's eyes  
touch baby's nose  
touch baby's belly button  
blow on baby's tummy, a.k.a. "raspberry"*

## THIS LITTLE PIGGY

This little piggy went to market  
This little piggy stayed home  
This little piggy had roast beef (or other favorite)  
This little piggy had none  
And this little piggy cried  
Wee Wee Wee  
All the way home!

*touch baby's fingers or toes  
as you name each little "piggy"*

*"walk" your fingers up baby's  
arm or leg to baby's chin –  
and tickle!*

## TO MARKET, TO MARKET

To market to market  
To buy a fat pig  
Home again, home again, jiggety jig  
To market, to market  
To buy a fat hog  
Home again, home again, jiggety jog

*bounce baby on your lap*

## TROT, TROT TO BOSTON

Trot, trot to Boston  
Trot, trot to Lynn  
Take care, baby  
Don't fall in!

*bounce baby on your lap*

*put in baby's name  
open your legs—causing baby to "fall in!"*

Trot, trot to London  
Trot, trot to Dover  
Take care, baby  
Don't fall over!

*bounce baby*

*lean far over holding baby tight*

## WAKE UP TOES

Wake up toes, wake up toes  
Wake up toes and wiggle, wiggle, wiggle  
Wake up toes, wake up toes  
Wake and wiggle in the morning

*wiggle baby's toes*

*Repeat with hands, legs, etc.*

## WHEN COWS GET UP IN THE MORNING

When cows get up in the morning  
they always say "good day"  
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they always say "good day"  
Moo-moo, moo-moo, that is what they say  
Moo-moo, moo-moo, that is what they say

*nod head in greeting*

*make baby sign for cow (horns)*

*Repeat with ducks ("quack, quack"), pigs ("oink, oink"), and I ("hello, hello")*

## YOU OUGHT TO SEE MY BABY (traditional tune: "Cindy," words by MaryLee Sunseri)

You ought to see my baby  
My baby loves to bounce  
And every time we sing this song  
We bounce and bounce and bounce  
Get along home, little baby (3 times)  
We'll bounce and bounce and bounce!

*bounce baby on your lap*

*Repeat, substituting 'stretch,' 'clap,' etc. for "bounce"*

## Zoom Zoom Zoom

Zoom, zoom, zoom!  
We're going to the moon!  
Zoom, zoom, zoom!  
We'll get there very soon!  
5, 4, 3, 2, 1—  
Blast off!

*rub your or baby's hands up and down*

*lower baby down, between your knees  
lift baby up high for "blast off"*

